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11/23/63 Miami, FL - Fidel Castro expressed disapproval tonight of John F. Kennedy's assassination by accused the slain President of having carried the world "to the brink of nuclear war:"

(after nearly 1,000 words, penultimate paragraph:)

Of Oswald, Castro said: "Is he really guilty? perhaps he is a psychopath, possibly an instrument of the most reactionary circles of the United States.

"Conditions were not propitious for an assassination by leftists -- but for ultra-reactionaries, yes."

Castro spoke two hours. *AP*, 9:43 p.m. EST

11/24/63 Evansville, IN - Entertainer Bill Demar of Evansville told the *Associated Press* by telephone today he was positive Lee Harvey Oswald was a patron about nine days ago in the Dallas night club of Jack Ruby.

Demar, Bill Crowe in private life, had completed two weeks of a five-week engagement at Ruby's *Carousel Club* when it closed indefinitely Friday.

"I have a memory act," the magician-ventriloquist said, "in which I have 20 customers call out various objects in rapid order. Then I tell them at random what they called out. I am positive Oswald was one of the men that called out an object about nine days ago."

Nine days before would have been 11/15)

Mark Lane in talk 2/9/64 said he had informant who had seen Bernard Weissman, Tippit and Ruby conferring at the *Carousel Club* 11/14 for two hours). *AP*, 9:24 p.m. CST

11/25/63 Washington - Is the evidence on Lee Harvey Oswald to be left with the Dallas police and the FBI? Is the public not entitled to know what was said to and by Oswald in the Dallas jail? *New York Times*, James Reston, p. 6

11/25/63 London - The murder of Lee H. Oswald, ...has blemished the image of the United States in Britain.

... The questions added up to the same thing: Was there a plot in which the Dallas police were involved and was lawlessness taking over in the United States?

... At this distance from America, everything that happens there is put on the scales that forever weigh the United States' right to

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lead the Western world. It is not a right automatically accorded by Europeans. *New York Times*, Sidney Gruson

11/26/63

Dallas - Ruby indicted.

...He carried a .38 caliber revolver, the lawyer (Tom Howard) contended, because he often carried one while transporting large amounts of money. On Sunday morning, the lawyer said, Ruby had several thousand dollars in his car.

(Why, on Sunday, with no banks open?)

(A payoff? If so, to Ruby, or by Ruby to someone else?) *New York Times*, Gladwin Hill

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Washington - Three key questions in probe:

1. Was Oswald acting individually or was he part of a conspiracy?
2. Was Jack Ruby, accused of killing Oswald, a part of the same conspiracy or of some other group?
3. Or were both men acting individually? *San Francisco Examiner*, p. 12, *Herald Tribune News Service*

11/29/63

Dallas –

... Was Lee Oswald killed for fear he would talk? There were rumors that wily detective Capt. Will Fritz, a Dallas veteran, was making headway with the tight-lipped prisoner just before Ruby fired his fatal shot.

If Oswald was slain to silence him forever, then Jack Ruby must know a treat deal about why President Kennedy was murdered.

... Was Ruby hired, or perhaps forced to carry out the almost suicidal killing of Oswald?

... Who could order Oswald rubbed out?

... Was Marxist Lee Oswald a decoy, hired to allay suspicion of the real motive?

... If DeMar is right (that Oswald was seen in Ruby's night club) then how could Oswald, presumably supporting a wife and two small children on \$59 a week ... afford a night club visit? Admission charge to the *Carousel* is \$2 and beer is 60 cents a bottle.

... Where was Oswald then the ... rifle ... was delivered to a Dallas post office box last March? Dallas homicide Capt. Fritz and District Attorney Henry Wade said they did not know ... it has been assumed Oswald was in Fort Worth at the time, not Dallas.

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... How could Oswald afford a visit from 9/2 to 10/3 (dates obviously incorrect) in Mexico City?

... Why was Ruby in the ad rooms of the *Dallas Morning News* laying out an ad for his night club when the President was shot? Was he establishing an alibi?

... Why was the grand jury summoned at 7. a.m. Tuesday morning to surprise Judge Brown with a 9 a.m. indictment [11/26/]? Is there now someone who feels he must kill Ruby?

11/29/63 Oswald reported to have been seen at rifle range weekend of 11/9, 10, and again on 11/17 [*New York Times*, 12/10/63, filed Marksmanship]. According to Ruth Paine he was at her house every weekend until that of 11/16 and 11/17 [*Redbook*, 7/64].

If he was at the rifle range 11/17, when did he remove the gun from her garage? Did he take it with him when he left the previous weekend and keep it in his apartment until the 17th? Did he bring it with him when he arrived at the Paine house on the evening of the 21st? Marina reported to have said the rifle was in Irving Thursday night but not there Friday [*AP*, Peggy Simpson, filed Weapon]. *San Francisco Chronicle*, M.W. Newman and Henry Hanson, *Chicago Daily News*

11/30/63 Washington - Although Dallas police and the FBI are convinced that Oswald, a 24-year-old Communist sympathizer, fired the two rifle shots that killed Mr. Kennedy, many vital questions remain to be cleared up. Among them are these:

1. Did Oswald have an accomplice?
2. Was Mr. Kennedy's assassination part of a conspiracy?
3. Was Ruby involved in any way with Oswald?
4. How did Ruby get into Dallas police headquarters where he murdered Oswald last Sunday morning?
5. What were the motives for the killing of Mr. Kennedy and Oswald?
6. Why was Oswald, a known supporter of Castro Cuba, not kept under surveillance during the President's visit to Dallas?
7. Were the Secret Service and the Dallas police lax in protecting both Mr. Kennedy and his accused assassin?
8. The authorities have been conducting an intensive investigation this past week to determine whether there was any link between Oswald and Ruby.

12/2/63 Undated review of aftermath. In the aftermath of the incredible events in Dallas, three questions remain unanswered:

1. Did Oswald kill the President, and if so, Why?
2. Why did Ruby kill Oswald?

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3 Are the police concealing anything?

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Dallas - Ruby taken to clinic for mental tests.

... Meanwhile, the FBI permitted Wade and his assistants to view the FBI files on the shooting of Oswald by Ruby.

Wade for some time had been balked in his efforts to view this evidence.

It was believed the state's officers were studying only the section of the report relating to the slaying of Oswald and were not allowed to see the FBI's report on the assassination of resident Kennedy.

Why? *AP*, 550 p.m. CST, Clayton Hickerson

Was Mrs. Markham shown pictures of Oswald and asked if he was the man she saw shoot Tippit?

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1. Why were all the members of the Warren Commission closely connected with the U.S. Government?
2. If, as we are told, Oswald was the lone assassin, where is the issue of national security?
3. If the Government is so certain of its case, why has it conducted all its inquiries in the strictest secrecy?
4. Why did the Warren Commission not establish a panel to deal with the question of who killed President Kennedy?
5. Why have so many liberals abandoned their own responsibility, to a Commission whose circumstances they refuse to examine? [Reliance on investigation by FBI, Secret Service and Dallas police.]
6. Why did the authorities follow many persons as potential assassins and fail to observe Oswald's entry into the book depository building while allegedly carrying a rifle over three feet long?
7. Why was the President's route changed at the last minute to take him past Oswald's place of work?
8. Why has the medical evidence concerning the President's death been altered out of recognition?
9. What is the evidence to substantiate the allegation that the President was shot from behind?
10. Why has the FBI refused to publish what could be the most reliable piece of evidence in the whole case? [Film taken from spectator showing entire front of depository building.]
11. How is it that millions of people have been misled by complete forgeries in the press? [Pictures of rifle, etc.]
12. Why was the result of the paraffin test altered before being announced by the authorities?
13. Why was the only description of Tippitt's killer deliberately omitted by the police from the affidavit of the sole eye-witness?
14. Why was Oswald's description in connection with the murder of Patrolman Tippitt broadcast over Dallas police radio at 12:43 p.m. on November 22, when Tippit was not shot until 1:06 p.m.?
15. How was it possible for Earl Warren to forecast that Marina Oswald's evidence would be exactly the reverse of what she had previously believed? [Marina identifying rifle as having belonged to Oswald.]

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16. How does a District Attorney of Wade's great experience account for all the extraordinary changes in evidence and testimony which he has announced during the Oswald case? *The Minority of One*, p. 6, *16 Questions on the Assassination*, Bertrand Russell

9/13/64 Will Warren Report answer These Unanswered Questions? List of 25 questions which Warren Commission should answer in Warren Report, compiled from questions posed by extremists on both sides. *New York Herald Tribune*

9/26/64 List of ten questions, among them: #6 - The police issued an alarm for a man resembling Oswald minutes after he left the building. Why did they suspect him at that time, since it was impossible in all the confusion to know he had left the building? *National Guardian*, Jack A. Smith